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SYNOPSIS

Coast Guard MSTC (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) was interviewed regarding (b) 11 January 2006 observations relating to the oil spill on Island End River.

DETAILS

On 12 June 2006, Chief Marine Science Technician (MSTC) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) US Coast Guard (CG) Sector Boston, was interviewed at the Boston Sector CG offices located at 455 Commercial St., Boston MA by EPA-CID Special Agents (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6), (b)(7)(C). Also present were, LCDR (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) LT (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) MK2 (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), and MST3 (b)(6), (b)(7)(C). (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) was asked to relay any observations or information in addition to that reported in (b) written statement and (b) stated, in substance, the following.

When (b) first saw the containment basin at ExxonMobil's berth #1 at approximately 1200 to 1300 hours on 11 January 2006, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) observed staining on the decking outside the containment perimeter. The deck was wet with what appeared to be fuel. LT (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) also noted that (b) saw similar staining of the deck that surrounded the ExxonMobil containment basin. (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) was surprised by (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) insistence that ExxonMobil was not source of the spill despite all to the contrary.

The staining on the deck surrounding the basin appeared to be from the low sulfur diesel (LSD) fuel which had filled the containment basin to nearly to the rim. (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) said it was immediately apparent to him that the basin had overflowed and was the source of the oil sheen that had been observed in Island End River. The basin also pitched to the northwest corner and at the time (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) did not observe LSD pouring over

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the sidewalls of the basin. There was some dripping from the bottom of the containment basin which was captured by spill booms placed on the water.

That same day, after the containment basin was pumped dry, Clean Harbors Environmental Services (CHES) steam cleaned the entire decking surround and basin.

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